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PRESS RELEASE

Secretary of State, Ben Ysursa, today reminded all candidates for Federal office, Statewide office, Judicial office, State Senator and State Representative that the filing period to be placed on the May 23 Primary ballot is March 6 through 5:00 PM March 17. County officials file during the same period in the office of the County Clerk. Secretary Ysursa, also stated Independent candidates must file during the same time to be placed on the November 7, General ballot.

Ysursa stated that all candidates must file during the prescribed time since no vacancy filings are permitted to fill empty seats.

Partisan candidates have two options to be placed on the ballot: (1) file a declaration of candidacy and pay the filing fee or (2) in lieu of paying the filing fee, file a nominating petition, with a certain number of verified signatures and a declaration of candidacy.

Ysursa emphasized a candidate selecting the petition method must have the signatures on their petitions verified by the county clerk prior to filing. Ysursa also stated Independent candidates must file the petitions and declaration, however the filing fee is not required.

Ysursa concluded his remarks by stating that all forms for Federal office, Statewide office, Legislative and Judicial office are available upon request by contacting the election division at 334-2852 or forms may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's website

www.sos.idaho.gov/ELECT/eleindex.htm

County candidates should contact their local county clerk for forms.